

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Annette S. Perkins	-Chair
	Doug Marrs	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	William H. Brown	
	John A. Muffo	
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Ruth L. Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors
	B. Wendell Jones	-Chair, Montgomery County School Board
	David G. Dunkenberger, II	-Vice-Chair, School Board
	Phyllis T. Albritton	-School Board Members
	Penny J. Franklin	
	Jamie M. Bond	
	Joseph T. Ivers, Jr.	
	Tiffany Anderson	-Superintendent
	Walter L. Shannon	-Assistant Superintendent of Operations
	Daniel A. Berenato	-Director of Facilities and Planning
	Anita P. Johnston	-Clerk
ABSENT:	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisor
	James D. Politis	-Supervisor
	B. Clayton Goodman, III	-County Administrator
	W. Wat Hopkins	-School Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order for a special joint meeting with members of the Montgomery County School Board to discuss school capital projects and the FY 2008-2009 budget.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Elementary School Project
2. Budget Overview

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	Gary D. Creed
John A. Muffo		James D. Politis
Doug Marrs		
William H. Brown		
Annette S. Perkins		

School Capital Projects – Elementary School

Dan Berenato, MCPS Director of Facilities and Planning, presented information on the conceptual design for the new Elliston/Lafayette Elementary School and Prices Fork Elementary School. Both schools will have the same design. A Review Team, consisting of administrators, teachers, parents, students was involved in the selection of the design. He explained the floor design and overall layout of the school.

Mr. Berenato explained that the Board of Supervisors has already secured land for the new Elliston/Lafayette school; however, land for the new Prices Fork School has not been secured. If they want to bid out the construction of both schools at the same time in order to save money, land will have to be secured by the end of April. Designing both schools at the same time has created a savings of approximately \$300,000. If both schools can be constructed at the same time, both could open in August 2010.

The estimated cost of each school is \$180 sq. ft, which averages \$26 - \$27 million. This is comparable to what Pulaski County is spending for the new elementary school at \$178 sq. ft, and Franklin County at \$175 sq. ft.

Penny Franklin, School Board Member, questioned the Board of Supervisors on how long the School Board has to wait to move forward with other projects if land in Prices Fork is not secured. There is land in Auburn and Christiansburg already and they can move forward with these projects right away. She would like for the Board of Supervisors to provide them with some direction on when it would be appropriate to move ahead.

Supervisor Perkins responded that the Board of Supervisors has been working with numerous landowners in the Prices Fork area and she would like to secure land as soon as possible. She pointed out Prices Fork has been among one of the hardest areas to purchase land. She explained there are issues that can be discussed with the School Board in a closed meeting if they so desired.

The Board of Supervisors and School Board members agreed to amend their respective agendas to go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Prices Fork Elementary School.

ADDENDUM

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously, the following was added to the agenda under Closed Meeting:

INTO CLOSED MEETING

Section 2.2-3711 (3) Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body

1. Prices Fork Elementary School Site

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
William H. Brown	None	Gary D. Creed
John A. Muffo		James D. Politis
Doug Marrs		
Mary W. Biggs		
Annette S. Perkins		

INTO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

Section 2.2-3711 (3) Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body

1. Prices Fork Elementary School Site

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	Gary D. Creed
Doug Marrs		James D. Politis
John A. Muffo		
William H. Brown		
Annette S. Perkins		

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by John A. Muffo, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Doug Marrs	None	Gary D. Creed
John A. Muffo		James D. Politis
William H. Brown		
Mary W. Biggs		
Annette S. Perkins		

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by John A. Muffo, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES

John A. Muffo
Mary W. Biggs
William H. Brown
Doug Marrs
Annette S. Perkins

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

Gary D. Creed
James D. Politis

ABSENT DURING MEETING

Gary D. Creed
James D. Politis

Work Session (continued)

FY 2008-2009 Budget Overview

Carol Edmonds, Assistant County Administrator, provided an overview of the FY 2008-2009 Budget. The total recommended budget is \$159.4 million, a total increase of \$16.7 million over FY 08. They are estimating \$1.8 million from growth, \$7.9 million from a real estate tax increase, and \$7 million in designated state/federal dollars. The proposed real estate tax rate is 75 cents, a 12 cents increase.

A total of \$3.3 million is added for school operations. This, along with \$2.2 million in state funds identified for salaries in the proposed school budget, totals \$5.5 million which will provide the opportunity to provide school employees with an average of 7.6% salary increase.

The Assistant County Administrator explained the County received numerous budget requests from county departments and outside agencies totaling \$6.8 million. The proposed budget includes only \$3.9 million, a reduction of \$2.8 million. The School Board Budget Request totaled \$4.1 million and the proposed budget recommends \$3.3 million, a reduction of \$854,334.

The proposed budget continues to include 2 cents of the real estate tax rate to be earmarked for new school capital construction. Also, funding for four School Resource Officers (3 previously grant funded and 1 new position) are included in the proposed budget.

The Assistant County Administrator discussed debt service for the new school construction. Two cents of the base real estate tax rate is earmarked for new school capital construction and three cents of the real estate tax has been added for new debt service costs (\$2 million).

The Board of Supervisors will consider an advertised tax rate at their March 17, 2008 meeting and a public hearing on the proposed budget and advertised tax rate is scheduled for March 27, 2008.

School Board members thanked the Board of Supervisors for providing much needed funding in the School's budget for compensation. They also expressed appreciation to the Board for providing funds for the School Resource Officers in the schools.

School Board Member Joe Ivers expressed frustration that the proposed budget does not include the full School Board's budget request. He believes the School Board's budget is not a wish list and every request is needed.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
William H. Brown	None	Gary D. Creed
Doug Marrs		James D. Politis
Mary W. Biggs		
John A. Muffo		
Annette S. Perkins		

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, March 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
John A. Muffo	None	Gary D. Creed
William H. Brown		James D. Politis
Doug Marrs		
Mary W. Biggs		
Annette S. Perkins		

The Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____	ATTESTED: _____
Annette S. Perkins	B. Clayton Goodman, III
Chair	County Administrator